



## Regional feed and food safety programme

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To harmonize regulations, improve animal feed safety, foster regional integration and provide participants from the public and private sectors with public–private cooperation strategies based on recommendations from competent international agencies.

By the end of the project, the aim is to have provided public officials (from regulatory agencies and veterinary, agricultural and food safety services) and private companies in the animal feed sector with consolidated and institutionalized public–private cooperation strategies that enable them to continue working towards regulatory coherence, capacity development and institutional strengthening in order to promote food safety, the sustainability of the production chain, and the regional and global integration of Latin American countries, thus facilitating trade in that region.

The work conducted jointly by public and private actors, with technical support from international organizations, will make it possible to achieve this result. However, this does necessitate the involvement of State regulators, who have a unique role to play in the process.

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Completed

**Start Date**

15/02/2014

**End Date**

14/02/2018

**Project Value (US\$)**

\$2,482,956

**STDF Contribution (US\$)**

\$1,050,566

**Beneficiaries**

Argentina

Bolivia

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Mexico  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Uruguay

### **Implementing Entities**

Asociación de las Industrias de Alimentación Animal de América Latina y Caribe (FEEDLATINA)

### **Partners**

Associations of producers of beneficiary countries  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)  
Official Regulatory Institutions of all beneficiary countries  
World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

### **Background**

According to data published by FEEDLATINA, Latin American countries are responsible for 17% of the world's animal feed production, with 141,347 million tonnes produced in 2013. Animal feed is important from a zootechnical point of view and makes up the largest share of the cost of animal protein production.

The animal feed sector is very dynamic in the area of foreign trade: it depends on large quantities of micro ingredients, primarily additives from the fine chemicals industry in Europe, China and the United States of America, and represents a significant amount of trade between countries in the region, mainly in cereals, oilseed, pre mixes, minerals, vitamins, amino acids, flour derived from animals and plants, whole foods and pet food. Grains and oilseeds form up to 70% of the composition of animal feed.

The reduction of tariff and non tariff barriers, particularly in terms of SPS measures and customs procedures, is still necessary to achieve greater regional trade integration in the animal feed sector.

Proactivity within the industry and regulatory coherence are key elements of the project. These will be strengthened through the implementation of good manufacturing practices at every stage, including in the production of inputs for farming, animal feed and food processing, distribution centre storage and retail marketing. The challenge is to maintain the control process, quality and traceability of food products along the entire chain, including proper storage and handling.

### **Expected Results**

#### ***Development of coordination and liaison mechanisms between public and private operators in the animal feed sector***

It is necessary to develop coordination and liaison mechanisms that will help to consolidate and institutionalize public-private cooperation strategies relating to animal feed. To this end, efforts will be made to consolidate and formalize a professional, technical and scientific communication and dissemination network composed of public and private actors and national and international organizations involved in the animal feed sector, and to develop cooperation and exchange mechanisms between every link in the feed production chain.

#### ***Development and approval of tools to promote regulatory coherence/equivalence***

The aim is to develop tools for regulatory coherence/equivalence and have them approved by the actors concerned. Such tools are needed to consolidate and institutionalize public-private cooperation strategies relating to animal feed and intra and inter regional technical and trade integration.

Achieving regulatory coherence and equivalence among the participating countries may seem complex; however, one phase of the project – a comparative analysis of the existing regulatory frameworks in each country – will make it possible to compile the official regulatory instruments in effect and thus to determine, for example, if any regulations overlap, if any should be repealed, and which procedure models and regulatory instruments could be adopted to optimize the execution and implementation of the project in terms of time, resources and results. This operation would foster integration and facilitate regional trade.

#### ***Strengthening of the technical capacity of public and private operators in the region's animal feed sector***

At the same time, it is necessary to develop the capacities of public and private actors so as to consolidate and institutionalize public-private cooperation strategies on animal feed, relating to regulatory and technical matters, food safety and regional integration.

In this area, the participation of the international organizations supporting the project - FAO, OIE and IICA - is key, as it is their technical recommendations that will provide the basis for such capacity building, as well as for any dissemination and outreach activities. The technical recommendations of other non participating international and intergovernmental organizations that have obtained international recognition in this area will also be used.